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San Mateo to Receive \$1.5 Million in Federal Funding for Marina Library Repairs

San Mateo, CA – The City of San Mateo will receive \$1.5 million in federal funds to support critical structural repairs at the Marina Library thanks to the advocacy of Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

San Mateo's well-loved Marina Library branch serves over 45,000 people and has significant structural damage due to shifting of the building's foundation, which was likely caused by seismic activity. Without these repairs, the building would otherwise most likely need to be razed within a few years. This earmark for San Mateo's project in the federal budget goes a significant way toward funding the \$5 million reconstruction project that will "shore up" the foundation and keep this 50-year old library open for the community it serves.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, Speier hosted a press conference with representatives from agencies in San Mateo County that received funding for 15 local projects. San Mateo Deputy Mayor Lisa Diaz Nash and City Librarian James Moore joined and thanked Speier, who is retiring from Congress.



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Leaders from nearly a dozen agencies in San Mateo County gather with Congresswoman Jackie Speier at a press conference.

"Our Library offers services for people of all ages – from bilingual story times for children, to an outstanding biotechnology learning center to enable new startup businesses, to computer training for seniors," Diaz Nash said. "We are blessed to have in Congresswoman Jackie Speier a lifelong advocate of libraries and civic learning. We are incredibly grateful to Congresswoman Speier for her dedication to the residents in her district and for her work to secure \$1.5 million for our Marina Library restoration project."

In addition to the \$1.5 million in federal support, the City also received \$1.3 million from the State budget, thanks to former Assemblyman and now Congressman-elect Kevin Mullin, as well as another \$458,000 from the California State Library. The City will soon begin the design process for repairs and hopes to begin construction in the coming year.